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(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To attain proper processing when a signal changeover device is applied to an externally mounted AV equipment by superimposing an OSD representing the fact of changeover onto an output signal before the changeover when the output mode of the signal changeover device is selected.

CONSTITUTION: When a usual television signal is received, character information generated by a character generator 7 indicates an OSD representing a current monitor screen to be made up of a video signal via changeover switches 8,9. When the output mode of a MUSE decoder 11 is switched to a mode for a MUSE signal, the OSD generated by the generator 7 is superimposed on the MUSE signal detected by a tuner 3 via changeover switches 10,13 and the result is displayed on the monitor screen. Thus, the viewer recognizes it that a MUSE decoder is selected and proper processing such as selection of the input mode of the monitor to a mode for the MUSE signal is obtained.

